## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY RSA #4 CELLULAR )
GENERAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ISSUANCE OF )
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE )
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A CELL )
SITE (TATHAM SPRINGS) IN RURAL SERVICE )
AREA #4 (WASHINGTON) OF THE )
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 93-006

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On January 26, 1993, Kentucky RSA #4 Cellular General Partnership ("RSA #4 General Partnership") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for Rural Service Area No. 4 ("RSA No. 4"). RSA No. 4 includes Anderson, Green, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Mercer, Nelson, Spencer, Taylor, and Washington counties. RSA #4 General Partnership has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Washington County. RSA #4 General Partnership was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in RSA No. 4 in Case No. 90-308.

The proposed cell site consists of a 175-foot or less monopole antenna tower to be located at 14578 Highway 555, Willisburg, Kentucky ("the Tatham Springs site"). The coordinates for the

Case No. 90-308, Application of Kentucky RSA #4 Cellular General Partnership for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Domestic Public Cellular Telecommunications Service to the Public in Rural Service Area #4 (Spencer) of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Tatham Springs site are North Latitude 37° 52' 10" by West Longitude 85° 09' 29".

RSA #4 General Partnership has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Tatham Springs cell site. Based upon the application, the tower and foundation design appear to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. National Building Code with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Tatham Springs cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances. RSA #4 General Partnership has filed an application with and received approval from the Federal Communications Commission. Approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission for the construction of the Tatham Springs cell site are not required as the tower height does not exceed 200 feet.

RSA #4 General Partnership has filed notices verifying that each property owner and/or resident within 500 feet of the Tatham Springs cell site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners and/or residents of their right to intervene. To date, no intervention requests have been received.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or

insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, RSA #4 General Partnership should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular radio telecommunications services in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by RSA #4 General Partnership.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that RSA #4 General Partnership should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the proposed cell site in RSA No. 4 under its previously approved tariff.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. RSA #4 General Partnership be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the proposed cell site consisting of a monopole not to exceed 175 feet in height to be located at 14578 Highway 555, Willisburg, Washington County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed cell site are North Latitude 37° 52' 10" by West Longitude 85° 09' 29".
- 2. RSA #4 General Partnership shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of March, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

**Executive Director**